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SUBJECT: US VETO AND DEPT'S JANUARY 26 STATEMENT ON ME

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1. MET WITH FAHMY THIS AFTERNOON TO GIVE HIM COPY OF JANUARY 26 STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST. ALTHOUGH MFA HAS RECEIVED TEXT FROM EGYTIAN PERMREP AT UN, I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT FAHMY HAD ONLY HAD THE CHANCE TO SKIM IT. HE APOLOGIZED FOR BEING UNABLE TO SEE ME YESTERDAY, BUT SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER NOT TO DO SO. A MEETING MIGHT HAVE BEEN MISINTERPRETED BY EGYPTIAN PUBLIC.

2. FAHMY WAS CRITICAL OF THE US VETO. HE CLAIMED EGYPT HAD MADE SPECIAL EFFORT TO GET INTO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION LANGUAGE FROM 242 ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF ALL STATES TO LIVE IN PEACE IN THE AREA. HOW COULD USG HAVE VETOED WHAT IT HAS ITSELF BEEN DEMANDING? I REMINDED HIM THAT THE OVERALL RESOLUTION CONTAINED ELEMENTS WHICH, AS HE WELL KNEW, WERE UNACCEPTABLE. THEY WOULD HAVE KILLED THE PEACE PROCESS. I WAS SURE
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OUR VETO HAD COME AS NO SURPRISE AND, WHILE I ACCEPTED

THE FACT THAT HE HAD TO REGISTER GOE'S DISPLEASURE,
WE HAVE NOW TO DECIDE WHERE TO GO FROM HERE.

3. DEPT'S JANUARY 26 STATEMENT WAS THE TYPE OF
RATIONAL EXPLANATION THAT SADAT AND HE HAD EARLIER URGED
THAT WE MAKE IF THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO A VETO.
IT EMPHASIZES OUR DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH
THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS IN SEARCH OF A PEACEFUL SETTLE-
MENT. I WAS SURE HE AGREED THAT THE GENEVA FRAMEWORK
IS SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR
NEGOTIATING SOLUTIONS TO THE VARIOUS ISSUES INVOLVED.
WE REMAIN PREPARED, AS HE KNEW, TO WORK WITH THE
PARTIES TOWARD SOLUTION OF ALL ISSUES, INCLUDING THAT
OF THE FUTURE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

4. FAHMY COMMENTED USG SHOULD STOP "PLAYING WORD-
GAMES." ALTHOUGH THE RESOLUTION HAD BEEN VETOED, THE
SUPPORT IT RECEIVED -- EVEN FROM THOSE WHO ABSTAINED
-- MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
RECOGNIZES THAT THE PALESTINIANS HAVE RIGHTS.
ONLY THE USG IS HOLDING BACK. I INVITED HIS
ATTENTION TO THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH IN THE DEPT'S
STATEMENT. HE READ IT WITH INTEREST AND WAS ESPECIALLY
IMPRESSED WITH THE SENTENCES INDICATING THAT THE
HUMANITARIAN ASPECT OF THE QUESTION IS ONLY ONE SUCH
ASPECT THAT HAS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THIS HE
THOUGHT WAS AT LEAST SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT ON OUR PART.

5. EVEN BEFORE FINISHING THE PARAGRAPH, HE CALLED
IN AN AIDE AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO TRANSLATE THE
PARAGRAPH AND SENT IT IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRESIDENT.
HE THEN CONTINUED HIS READING UNTIL HE CAME TO THE END
OF THE PARAGRAPH. THE LAST SENTENCE DISTRESSED HIM
GREATLY, ESPECIALLY THE QUALIFYING CLAUSE, "WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK OF PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN RESOLUTIONS
242 AND 338." THE SENTENCE, HE MOANED, NEGATED THE
ENTIRE POSITIVE EFFECT OF AN OTHERWISE REASONABLE
PARAGRAPH. IT BROUGHT US BACK FULL CIRCLE, SINCE
242 SPEAKS ONLY OF REFUGEES. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES,
THE STATEMENT WAS OF LITTLE USE. I URGED HIM TO READ
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THE WHOLE STATEMENT CAREFULLY. I THOUGHT HE WOULD
AGREE THAT IT IS A BALANCED AND CONSTRUCTIVE STATEMENT.

6. FAHMY INDICATED THAT THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY HAD
YESTERDAY PRESSED HIM HARD ABOUT THE US VETO. MEMBERS
HAD ARGUED THAT IT IS A DEFEAT FOR SADAT'S POLICY
OF TRYING TO WORK WITH THE US. HE HAD AGREED TO
MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT TO THE PEOPLES

ASSEMBLY, BUT DATE NOT YET SPECIFIED. IT WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE A TOUGH STATEMENT, SINCE HE CAN HARDLY JUSTIFY THE US VETO AND HIS PRELIMINARY READING OF DEPT'S STATEMENT DOES NOT GIVE HIM MUCH AMMUNITION. I SUGGESTED THAT HE STRESS THE USG DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE PEACE PROCESS WITHIN THE GENEVA FRAMEWORK. THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH HIS OWN PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT.

7. AS I WAS LEAVING, FAHMY COMMENTED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF THE PRESIDENT OR THE SECRETARY HAD PUBLICLY EXPLAINED THE RATIONALE FOR THE USG VETO AND OUR FUTURE INTENTIONS, BUT HE DID NOT PRESS THE POINT.
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